GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:62
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2016
Basic Infrastructure in Schools
Kothapalli Smt. Geetha

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is lack of basic infrastructure and staff in the Government and private schools and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether some students are reportedly studying in porta cabin-like classrooms with prefabricated structures and tin roofs in the Government schools in some States and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has assessed the total number of students in each school and availability of the infrastructure, inter-alia, furniture, desks, etc., in schools, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to take action against schools devoid of the infrastructure and teaching staff and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the funds sanctioned/released/spent for the above-mentioned purposes, during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 62 FOR 21.11.2016 REGARDING BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE IN SCHOOLS ASKED BY SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA.

(a): Yes, Madam.
Details on shortage of basic infrastructure in government and private schools at elementary level as per latest Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE) data are as under:
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Level Drinking Water Ramp Boundary Wall Playground Library
Government Number of Schools lacking facilities 37,236 6,47,601 4,42,637 4,85,190 1,60,929
Percentage of Schools lacking facilities 3.46% 60.13% 41.10% 45.05% 14.94%
Private Number of Schools lacking facilities 1 2,10,260 32,205 55,766 60,092
Percentage of Schools lacking facilities 0.00% 78.45% 12.02% 20.81% 22.42%
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About 13.58 crore children in 11.08 lakh government schools have access to gender segregated toilets. Under Swachh Vidyalaya initiative, 4,17,796 toilets were constructed in 2,61,400 elementary and secondary government schools in a period of one year from 15.8.2014 to 15.8.2015, thus ensuring that every government school has separate functional toilets for girls and boys. States and UTs have been instructed to ensure that all the schools in respective State/UT, including those under the non-Government sector (private, aided schools etc.) should have provision for separate toilets for boys and girls; and safe and adequate drinking water facilities to all children, in accordance with the norms under Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009.
There are 51,81,791 sanctioned posts of teachers, out of which 42,74,206 teachers are in-position and 9,07,585 vacancies (17.51%) at elementary level under State and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) as on 31.3.2016. State/UT-wise details are at Annexure−I. There are 24.87 lakh teachers in private schools at elementary level.

Details on shortage of basic infrastructure and staff in government and private schools at secondary level are at Annexure−II.
(b): Status of Porta Cabin/Pre-Fabricated Structures Sanctioned under SSA is as under:
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S. No. States Year of Sanctions Sanctioned Achievements
1. Chhattisgarh 2007-08 48 (500 seater Porta Cabin Schools) 48 (500 seater Porta Cabin Schools)
2010-11 40 (500 seater Porta Cabin Schools) 40 (500 seater Porta Cabin Schools)
2016-17 113 Pre-Fab ACRs Yet to be started
2. Rajasthan 2007-08 111 Pre-Fab ACRs 111
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Ministry of Human Resource Development has sanctioned one Additional Class Room (ACR) for Class IX in 58 porta cabins Upper

Primary Schools (UPS), in the year 2015-16 to the State of Chhattisgarh. The Government of Chhattisgarh, in its proposal for the year 2016-17 surrendered the ACR for Class IX of 58 porta cabins and proposed for regular upgradation of the 60 UPS upto secondary level. In the year 2016-17, 25 upper primary schools running in porta cabins which were found eligible, have been approved for upgradation to secondary schools as per the proposal of the State Government, alongwith requisite infrastructure.

(c) & (d): The Central Government supports State Governments and UT Administrations for creation and augmentation of infrastructural facilities in government elementary and secondary schools under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) programmes. The requirement of infrastructural facilities in schools are worked out every year by the respective State and Union Territory on incremental basis depending on their need and priority and this is reflected in their Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B). Regular meetings are held with representatives of States and UTs to monitor performance of infrastructure created and status of education in schools.

Since the inception of SSA in 2001 till 30.6.2016, 3.64 lakh new elementary schools, construction of 3.12 lakh school buildings, and 18.72 lakh additional classrooms, 2.41 lakh drinking water facilities, 10.34 lakh school toilets and 19.48 lakh teacher posts have been sanctioned to States and UTs. Out of which 3.59 lakh new elementary schools have been opened, construction of 2.90 lakh school buildings and 17.48 lakh additional classrooms have been completed, 2.30 lakh drinking water facilities have been provided and 9.61 lakh school toilets constructed, and 15.74 lakh teachers have been recruited.

The Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) captures data on various educational indicators including enrolment of students in schools. The total number of students in each school is available under UDISE. As per U-DISE, 2014-15, details of enrolment of students and number of schools State/UT-wise are at Annexure−III. The recruitment and service conditions of teachers are primarily in the domain of State Governments/UT Administrations. The Central Government provides assistance to State Governments/UTs for additional teachers to maintain appropriate Pupil Teacher Ratio as per the requirements of the States/UTs. Further, the Central Government in various meetings, State Education Secretaries conference, Joint Review Missions (JRM) advises States/UTs on timely teacher recruitment and deployment. All States and UTs have been requested to work expeditiously on filling up vacancies and organizing regular annual teacher recruitment to ensure that sufficient teaching strength is available in each and every school.

As per Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan norms assistance for furniture is provided to States & UTs for upper primary classes only. The availability of infrastructure and furniture is given below:

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Elementary School Drinking Water Ramp Boundary Wall Playground Library
Government Number of schools having facilities 10,39,758 4,29,393 6,34,357 5,91,804 9,16,065
Percentage of schools having facilities 96.54% 39.87% 58.90% 54.95% 85.06%
Private Number of schools having facilities 2,68,013 57,754 2,35,809 2,12,248 2,07,922
Percentage of schools having facilities 100.00% 21.55% 87.98% 79.19% 77.58%

Percentage of schools with furniture for students
Elementary School Primary Only Upper primary Section
Government 48.50% 71.85%
Private 82.95% 84.54%
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Source: U-DISE, 2015-16 (provisional)

To improve the infrastructure and the teaching staff facility at secondary level, the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) Scheme was launched in year 2009 with an aim to universalize access to secondary schools by providing a secondary school within a reasonable distance (5 kilometer) of every habitation, improving quality of education through making all secondary schools conform to prescribed norms and also through removal of gender, socio-economic and disability barriers. The Scheme presently covers opening of new Government secondary schools (classes IX-X) and strengthening of existing secondary schools run by the State Government and local bodies. Till date, under the Scheme 12394 new schools and strengthening of 37382 existing schools have been approved and post of 120284 teachers including teachers for new schools and additional teachers for existing schools have been approved.

The details of available infrastructure and enrolment in secondary schools as per U-DISE, 2015-16 is at Annexure-IV (a), (b) and (c).

(e): State and UT-wise details of approved outlay, central share release and expenditure reported by States and UTs on the approved activities covering infrastructure and quality initiative including teacher's salary etc. under SSA and RMSA programmes during the last three years and the current year are at Annexure −V (a) and (b).

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